

Rory O'Sullivan



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Seattle City Council
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Dear Council Members:

I am writing to express my interest in serving as the interim Seattle City Council person for Position 9. My goal as a council member would be to ensure continued progress on the council's ambitious 2015 work plan, collaborating with other council members and city staff to find creative solutions to the many challenges currently facing the city.

Because of my knowledge and experience I would be in a position to make an immediate contribution, particularly with respect to the issues facing the Committee on Housing Affordability, Human Services and Economic Resiliency. I have been actively involved in the council's work on tenant protections and stabilization policies, monitoring and funding of the Seattle Housing Authority, and programs to assist Seattle residents facing foreclosure. I work closely with a number of the organizations that implement the city's Human Services Strategic Plan and I understand the challenges facing financial empowerment centers. As a resident of Rainier Valley, I look forward to continuing to contribute to the city's work on the Neighborhood Equitable Transit Oriented Development Initiative.

Serving as a legislative assistant to Congressman Jim McDermott, I learned about the challenges and demands facing policy makers and the importance of constituent services. While I would not be seeking elected office, I understand that community members will expect the interim council person to be accessible and responsive to community concerns. However, my focus as a council member would be on furthering the council's 2015 work plan rather than serving any single constituent group or pushing a specific agenda.

I look forward to applying my resourcefulness and vision as an interim member of the Seattle City Council. Thank you for taking the time to consider my application. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


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EXPERIENCE

King County Bar Association Seattle, WA
Managing Attorney, Housing Justice Project 2011 to Present

- Manage a team of six staff members and more than 100 volunteers in a court-based legal clinic
- Draft amendments to ordinances impacting tenant protections and stabilization
- Implement programs helping people impacted by the foreclosure crisis
- Work with the Seattle Housing Authority to ensure tenant access to resources and benefits

Seattle University School of Law Seattle, WA
Adjunct Faculty 2009 to Present

- Developed and implemented a syllabus for a Supreme Court simulation course
- Supervised students in the Predatory Lending Clinic working with homeowners facing foreclosure

Northwest Justice Project Seattle, WA
Staff Attorney 2007 to 2011

- Created an infrastructure to support attorneys working around the state on foreclosure cases
- Developed partnerships with the Urban League, El Centro de la Raza, InterIm CDA, ACRS, and other organizations in order to engage with all the communities impacted by the foreclosure crisis

Judge Edward F. Shea, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Washington Richland, WA
Law Clerk 2006 to 2007

- Drafted opinions, orders, and memoranda, and prepared jury instructions and verdict forms for trial
- Experience included preparation of a bench memo and draft opinions for a Ninth Circuit panel, a one week trial in the Central District of California, and cases in the Districts of Idaho and Hawaii

Office of Congressman Jim McDermott Washington D.C.
Legislative Assistant 2001 to 2002

- Drafted legislation, prepared speeches, attended hearings and bill markups
- Issue areas included budget, transportation, environment, housing, and Native American affairs

EDUCATION

Georgetown University Law Center
Washington, DC
Juris Doctor 2006

- Georgetown Moot Court Team: Jessup Semi-finalist, Leahy Semi-finalist
- Editor-in-Chief, Eyes on the ICC (International Criminal Court)
- Student Advocate, Harrison Institute Housing and Community Development Clinic
- Research Assistant, Georgetown Environmental Law and Policy Institute

University of Washington Seattle, WA
Bachelor of Science, magna cum laude, with honors, in Economics 2001
Bachelor of Arts, magna cum laude, in International Studies 2001

- Dean's List, Phi Beta Kappa, Merit Scholarships

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Express Credit Union – Board Secretary 2014 to Present
Licensed Private Pilot – Single-Engine, Fixed-Wing Aircraft 2007 to Present
Brock Jackley Campaign, Bremerton, WA – Campaign Manager 2002
Asia Pacific International School, Shenzhen, China – Teaching Assistant 1996 to 1997

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From: Rory O'Sullivan [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2015 10:25 AM
To: LEG_CouncilAppointmentApplications
Subject: Application for Council Vacancy
Attachments: Cover Letter - O'Sullivan.pdf; Resume - O'Sullivan.pdf

Please accept the attached cover letter and resume for the open Seattle City Council vacancy.

Thank you.

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